

Subtitle E—Alliances With Democratic Countries

SEC. 1951. ALLIANCES WITH DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES.—The Secretary of State should, and is authorized to, establish an Office for the Community of Democracies with the mission to further develop and strengthen the institutional structure of the Community of Democracies, develop interministerial projects, enhance the United Nations Democracy Caucus, manage policy development of the United Nations Democracy Fund, and enhance coordination with other regional and multilateral bodies with jurisdiction over democracy issues.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION.—It is the sense of Congress that the International Center for Democratic Transition, an initiative of the Government of Hungary, serves to promote practical projects and the sharing of best practices in the area of democracy promotion and should be supported by, in particular, other European countries with experiences in democratic transitions, the United States, and private individuals.

Subtitle F—Funding for Promotion of Democracy

SEC. 1961. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE UNITED NATIONS DEMOCRACY FUND.

It is the sense of Congress that the United States should work with other countries to enhance the goals and work of the United Nations Democracy Fund, an essential tool to promote democracy, and in particular support civil society in their efforts to help consolidate democracy and bring about transformational change.

SEC. 1962. THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY FUND.

The purpose of the Human Rights and Democracy Fund should be to support innovative programming, media, and materials designed to uphold democratic principles, support and strengthen democratic institutions, promote human rights and the rule of law, and build civil societies in countries around the world.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Mr. Mark Esper of Virginia, for a term expiring December 31, 2008.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Par-

liamentary Assembly during the spring session, to be held in Madeira, Portugal, May 2007: the Honorable BEN CARDIN of Maryland.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ALLIANCE TO SAVE ENERGY

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 113 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 113) commending the achievements and recognizing the importance of the Alliance to Save Energy on the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Alliance.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. STABENOW. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 113) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 113

Whereas the Alliance to Save Energy marks the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Alliance with a year-long celebration, beginning on March 18, 2007, the day on which the Alliance was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in accordance with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

Whereas, in 1977, the Alliance to Save Energy was founded by Senators Charles H. Percy and Hubert H. Humphrey;

Whereas the Alliance to Save Energy is the only national nonprofit, bipartisan public-policy organization working in partnership with prominent business, government, educational, environmental, and consumer leaders to promote the efficient and clean use of energy worldwide to benefit the environment, economy, and security of the United States;

Whereas the Alliance to Save Energy operates programs and collaborative projects throughout the United States, and has been working in the international community for more than a decade in over 30 developing and transitional countries;

Whereas the Alliance to Save Energy has shown that energy efficiency and conservation measures taken by the United States during the past 30 years are now displacing the national need for more than 40 quads of energy each year;

Whereas the Alliance to Save Energy is a nationally recognized authority on energy efficiency, and regularly provides testimony

and resources to Federal and State governments, as well as members of the business and media communities;

Whereas the Alliance to Save Energy contributes to a variety of education and outreach initiatives, including the award-winning Green Schools and Green Campus programs, award-winning public service announcements, and a variety of targeted energy-efficiency campaigns;

Whereas the Alliance to Save Energy serves as the North American energy efficiency secretariat for the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (commonly known as "REEEP");

Whereas the Alliance to Save Energy collaborates with other prominent organizations to form partnerships and create groups that advance the cause of energy efficiency, including—

(1) the Building Codes Assistance Project (commonly known as "BCAP");

(2) the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (commonly known as "SEEA");

(3) the Municipal Network for Energy Efficiency (commonly known as "MUNEE");

(4) the Efficient Windows Collaborative; and

(5) the Appliance Standards Awareness Project (commonly known as "ASAP"); and

Whereas March 18, 2007, marks the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Alliance to Save Energy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Alliance to Save Energy on the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Alliance; and

(2) recognizes the important contributions that the Alliance to Save Energy has made to further the cause of energy efficiency.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:15 a.m., Wednesday, March 21; that on Wednesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 21, as provided for under a previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:15 A.M. TOMORROW

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate today, and if the Republican leader has nothing further, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:06 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 9:15 a.m.